(c) the steps taken by Government to mitigate their problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA):

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The All India CGHS employees Association went on an agitation in May, 2003 to press for withdrawal of orders stopping grant of Patient Care Allowance (PCA) to certain categories of non-ministerial CGHS staff not working in CGHS dispensaries. The matter is being re-examined in consultation with the concerened Departments.

HIV positive patients

†41. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of HIV positive patients is increasing continuously;

(b) if so, whether Government have reviewed the causes responsible for the same;

(c) whether Government would conduct another review of the AIDS control campaign; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The main reasons for the increase in reported number of HIV/AIDS cases are: (i) increase in the number of hospitals and health care facilities admitting and/or treating HIV/AIDS cases; (ii) increase in the number of voluntary counselling testing centres and (iii) higher awareness in the community about HIV/AIDS treatment facilities.

(c) and (d) Government reviews the programme time to time.

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